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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.15 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

International Tribunal for Rwanda

3.30 p.m.	3934th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning Rwanda

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

Establishment of the list of candidates for Judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION
(UNSCOM)

Sixteenth plenary session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 21st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Jamaica

Bhutan

Cameroon

Iraq

Bolivia

Tajikistan

Saint Lucia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Bahamas

Myanmar

Cape Verde

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu

Zambia

Belarus

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/53/37, A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.3, CRP.5, CRP.6 and CRP.7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the reports of the Board of Auditors; replies from administrations to the reports of the Board of Auditors; and guidelines for internal control standards
2. Optical disk system

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 30 September 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on organizational matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place *today*, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), *today*, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Chad

   Jordan

   Lesotho

   Congo

   The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

   Uganda

   Sierra Leone

   Gabon

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.1) [20 (b)].

3 p.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Central African Republic

Maldives

Ethiopia

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Guatemala

Grenada

Malawi

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The working groups of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) will hold their consultations on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health: and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Fifth Committee *(on organizational matters of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: preparations for the high-level review in the year 2000 of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; organizational matters of the Second Committee)* on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

On the occasion of the fortieth ratification of the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) will hold a press conference and a briefing on its work in the implementation of the Ottawa Treaty, on Thursday, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Eminents speakers will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 28 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

18th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. James Michel, Vice-President of Seychelles, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania; and H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda.

H.E. Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and elected President of the Palestinian Authority, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Kassymjomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Attaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Muratbek Imanaliev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Choe Su Hon, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. Mate Granić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia.

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3932nd meeting

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, Indonesia, Norway, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Stephen Lewis, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Mr. Kofi Asomani, Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at United Nations Headquarters, and Mrs. Sylvie Junod, Head of the Delegation of the International Committee for the Red Cross to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Portugal, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Kenya, the Gambia, Costa Rica and Japan.

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Gabon and Bahrain, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Sweden.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting the Council heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Pakistan, Indonesia and Norway.

In accordance with the decisions taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, by the Head of the Delegation of the International Committee for the Red Cross to the United Nations, and by the Director of the Liaison Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at United Nations Headquarters.

3933rd meeting

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/30).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

19th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Guido de Marco, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Joseph Kokou Koffigoh, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Tofik Nadir ogly Zulfugarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Abuzed Omar Dorda, Head of Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. The Hon. Taufa Vakatale, Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji; H.E. Mr. Boris Shikhmuradov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan; and H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismaiel, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan.

20th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 20th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/188).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1998

489th and 490th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Kuwait (CRC/C/8/Add.35).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then continued its consideration of item 4 in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Senegal (24 September 1998)*

Ratification: Honduras (24 September 1998)*

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Cyprus (28 September 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Solomon Islands (29 September 1998)

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Tajikistan (28 September 1998)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Statute was opened for signature by all States in Rome at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 17 July 1998. Thereafter, it was opened for signature in Rome at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy where it will remain until 17 October 1998. After that date, the Statute will be open for signature in New York, at United Nations Headquarters, until 31 December 2000.

The place of signature in New York will be the Office of Legal Affairs. Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange the times of signature (room S-3200, tel.: 963-5047, fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that Parties intending to sign the Statute submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

Signature: Bolivia (17 July 1998)
Signature: Cameroon (17 July 1998)
Signature: Congo (17 July 1998)
Signature: Liberia (17 July 1998)
Signature: Mali (17 July 1998)
Signature: Malta (17 July 1998)
Signature: Niger (17 July 1998)
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Signature: Switzerland (18 July 1998)
Signature: Iceland (26 August 1998)
Signature: Norway (28 August 1998)
Signature: Belgium (10 September 1998)
Signature: Chile (11 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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